THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) M/s. J. J. Motors Corporation have advised that customers are verbally informed about the tentative delivery schedule at the time of booking of vehicles.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This information is not maintained by the Government.

Production of fire-proof doors and shutters

2828. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity sanctioned for various units producing fire proof doors, smoke-proof doors and fire-proof shutters;

(b) whether the quality of the said doors etc., comes upto international standards; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to invite foreign collaboration for updating the technological developments and for production of better types of fire proof doors?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) There is only one unit viz. M/s. Mathar & Platt Ltd., Bombay in the organised sector licensed for the manufacture of fire-proof doors as such with a licensed capacity of 420 numbers per annum. However, some of the units in the organised sector who have licensed/approved capacity for the manufacture of steel furniture and security equipment are also manufacturing fire protection/ fire-proof doors within their approved capacity for the manufacture of steel furniture and security equipment. No separate capacity has been given to them for the manufacture of fire protection doors/fire proof doors.

(b) and (c). The International Organisation for Standardisation has not formulated any standard for fire protection doors so far. However, Indian Standards Institution have formulated a standard to guide the industry namely, IS: 3614 (Pt-I)—1966 Specification for Fire-Check Doors: Part I Plate, Metal Covered and Rolling Type. Any proposal received for foreign collaboration for updating the production technology will be considered on merits.

Fall in Indian shipping share in Overseas trade

2829. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI M. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Indian shipping in the carriage of overseas cargo has been fast on decline;

(b) if so, what correcting measures have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that decline has been mostly recorded due to absence and non-availability of container ships with Indian shipping companies including SCI; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the fleet of container vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The share of the Indian lines in the carriage of overseas cargo during the last 4 years was as follows:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Total sea-borne imports and exports	Exports & imports carried by Indian vessels	Percentage of carge carried by Indian vessels to total cargo
1979-80	71.15	23.74	33.35
1980-81	74.93	24.21	32.30
1981-82	77.36	24.27	31.37
1982-83	77.76	32.24	41.46